

LIQUOR LAW
AMENDMENTS
REPORTEDCommittee on Temperance
Recommends Many Im-
portant Changes in
Present Law.SECOND CLASS FEES
RAISED \$750 TO \$1,500

All Licensed Places Will Be Required to Close at 10, and Second Class Licenses at 7 p. m.—No Tables, Chairs, Booths, Etc., Will Be Allowed in Saloons—License Commissioners' Terms Will Run But One Year—Old Prohibitory Law Search and Seizure Clauses Incorporated in Amendments, Including Disclosure Clause—Treating Clause Cut Out.

Montpelier, Dec. 7.—The amendments to the license, local option liquor law, on which the committee on temperance has been working ever since the opening of the legislature, made its report this forenoon. The members of the committee are Senators Slack, Fletcher, Lord and Fowler and Representatives Graves, Groat, Darr, O'Sullivan, Agan, Crane and Leavens.

The changes over the present law are as follows:

The bill amends the present law in these particulars: Requires that license commissioners shall have been legal voters and freeholders of the town, instead of "residents," and strikes out the provision requiring the choice of one from each of the two leading parties. Commissioners' term of office is made one year instead of election for two, four and six years. Refuses a license to any person convicted of violating the provisions of this act relating to illegal dealing in intoxicating liquors, and places under a ban buildings where any such violations have occurred within one year, with the knowledge of the owners thereof. Strikes out the action authorizing commissioners to determine number of licenses in towns of less than 1,500, leaving such towns on same basis as others. Licenses to continue in force till the first day of May next following their issue, unless sooner revoked or forfeited—this provision not to apply to licenses now in force.

Provisions of this act not to apply to the sale of fermented cider by the barrel or cask of not less than 23 gallons, provided same is removed from premises of vendor at the time in the original package.

Minimum fee for first-class license in towns of less than 1,500 population is made \$500, instead of \$500. Fee for second-class license fixed at from \$750 to \$1,500.

Holders of second or seventh class licenses must close at 7 p. m. and can open at 6 a. m.; of other licenses, close at 10 p. m. and may open at 6 a. m. Circus and fair days are added to the days when saloons shall not open. In some persons, paupers and persons concerning whom notice has been given to the licensee are added to the list of those to whom liquor shall not be sold.

Neither booth, stalls, apartments, nor tables, chairs, etc., are to be permitted in bar rooms.

Licenses, except innkeepers and pharmacists, are prohibited from carrying on any other business on the premises. Surety on bond of licensee must be a citizen of this state and resident in the town where applicant lives.

A church is defined as a church edifice used for religious purposes only. In case of riot or great public excitement the mayor or selectmen may order saloons closed for not more than three consecutive days.

License may be revoked without notice or hearing, in which case forfeiture of bonds shall not result. No appeal from decision of commissioners; but revocation shall not be effective till town shall refund the license fee, pro rata. Liquors left by bankrupt or deceased licensee may be sold out of the state or to another licensee; same privilege is granted to licensee after revocation on condition of immediate delivery.

A hearing on complaint shall be held by a majority of the board. In case of judgment against a licensee the commissioners' fees and all costs are to be taxed against him.

The bill amplifies considerably on the subject of prosecutions for unlicensed selling, proscribes the necessary mode of procedure, and goes into detail as to fees.

A licensee found guilty of selling adulterated liquor shall be fined \$300 in addition to the forfeiture of his license.

Penalty for selling without a license is changed to involve a fine of from \$500 to \$1,000, in addition to the imprisonment clause. The fine for soliciting purchase of liquor in unlicensed places is fixed at from \$100 to \$500, and the same fine is named for bringing intoxicating liquors into a no-license town with intent to have them sold, and for tampering with samples of liquor taken for analysis. Fine for violation of fifth-class license is set at from \$300 to \$1,000.

County, city and justice courts are required to notify the license commissioners of convictions for intoxication

from a date six months preceding the election of such commissioners. Notices from the overseer and from persons directly interested that under the old law were given direct to the licensee, are to be given to the commissioners and by them to the licensee; and the several boards of commissioners in the county are to notify each other concerning these persons to whom liquor is not to be sold.

Arrests for intoxication without warrant are authorized, and a second offence means workhouse instead of county jail.

The anti-treating clause is stricken out.

Disclosure is required of persons arrested for intoxication to whom licenses have been forbidden to sell.

The search and seizure features of the old prohibitory law are put in operation again by this new bill.

The appointment of the board of license commissioners for any town voting to grant licenses is taken out of the hands of the selectmen and is to be made by the assistant judges of the respective county courts.

The amendments make numerous changes in phraseology, and the bill repeals entirely No. 90 of the acts of 1902.

While the committee was not unanimous on all of the different amendments it was agreed that all should stand by the majority and the committee's report on the new law is made unanimously.

Mrs. Rogers' Case.

The House this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, took up the bill for commuting the sentence of Mary Rogers, before the largest number of spectators that ever crowded the galleries.

House Passes Valued Policy Insurance Bill.

The committee appointed to inspect the Soldier's Home made its report to the legislature today. It approved the institution and its management throughout.

The House passed the valued policy insurance law.

After yesterday afternoon ordering the bill providing for municipal suffrage for women to a third reading by a vote of 111 to 104, it was this forenoon killed the bill by a vote of 100 to 124 against it. Pape of Barre city spoke against the bill.

The Senate today passed the bill appropriating \$10,000 for the Lucy Ruggles' Teachers' Home, and also passed the bill providing for a more systematic purchase of state supplies.

More Revenue For State.

Acting for the committee on ways and means, Mr. Proctor of Proctor yesterday afternoon introduced a bill in the House providing for increased taxation of corporations. The bill is:

Increases tax rate for railroads in case of appraisal from 7-10 per cent to 1 per cent, and in case of the alternative (payment of tax on gross earnings) increases rate from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent, to be paid in semi-annual installments.

Appraisal of steamboat companies changed from annually to biennially.

Increases rate of tax of steamboat companies from 7-10 per cent to 1 per cent, and from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent, when they elect to pay on gross earnings.

Farior car companies are taxed by assessing 7-10 per cent of that portion of the fair market value of the capital stock which the number of miles of railroad in this state over which such cars are operated. Or they may pay \$2.50 per mile of each mile of railroad over which cars are operated. Present tax is 5 per cent of all earnings wholly within the state.

Express companies are to pay at rate of 88 per cent of railroad rate, which express business is done. Present rate is 4 per cent of gross receipts of business done wholly within the state.

Telephone companies are to pay tax of 3 per cent on entire gross receipts collected within the state. Present rate is 2 per cent of gross earnings on business done wholly within the state.

Provides that foreign corporations neglecting to procure a license to do insurance business in the state may be enjoined, the same as domestic companies may now be.

Provides that tax equal to one-half of annual license tax imposed on corporation having maximum amount of capital stock authorized in charter shall be required for every special charter under which no organization shall have been had prior to Feb. 1, '05.

Corporation taxes shall be a first lien on property of corporations.

Estimated increase in revenues—parlor car companies, \$1,300; express companies, \$5,200; railroads, \$10,000; telephone companies, \$2,000; steamboat companies, \$175.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Representative Pape did not speak on the valued policy bill.

The public schools of Vermont will come into a good inheritance from the war claim of \$340,000.

Bills are now read the first, second and third times in the House without interruption, through a suspension of rules.

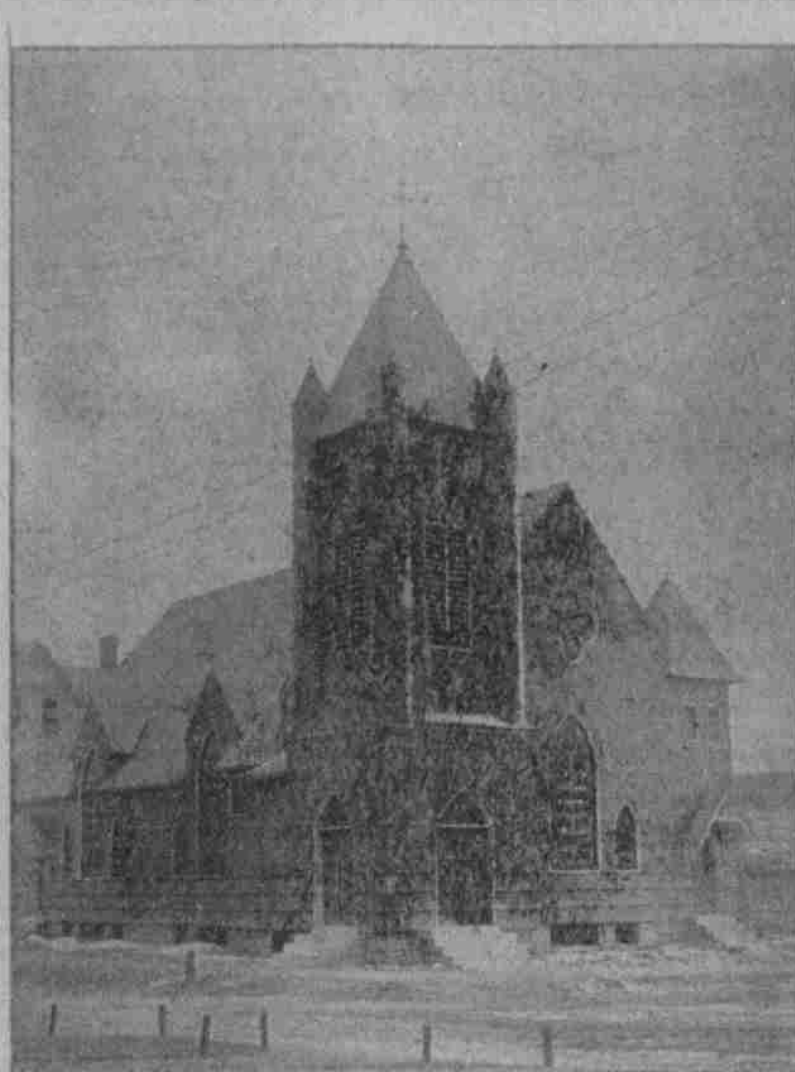
The leaders of the legislature now think they can complete the work Saturday morning and adjourn, and an effort is to be made toward this end.

It is now proposed to raise the salary of the state superintendent of education by \$1,000, the increase being covered up in a proposal to pay him \$125 quarterly.

Never was a young speaker subjected to a heavier fire than that which Mr. Bailey of Essex underwent in the speaker's chair yesterday afternoon. He did very well in a difficult position.

Said Mr. Groat when the Norwich University appropriation was up: "This Norwich University is the best school that we have. I wish this bill carried twice as much as it does. I'd vote for it."

Representatives' hall has rarely held a larger crowd than assembled last evening to see the antics of the payes in their mock session. The crowd was really a crush. The youngsters went through the form of making legislation with all the gusto they could muster and that was a good deal. There were many telling hits. Doorkeeper "Himmie" Miner was in the speaker's chair.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BARRE, VT.

JAPS CAPTURE
ANOTHER FORTAkasaka Captured at Port
Arthur Today

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK

Paltova Sunk in Port Arthur Harbor
and Retriever Seriously Dam-
aged—Bayou Is
Aground.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—It is officially announced that the Russian battleship "Paltava" has been sunk in Port Arthur harbor and also that the "Retriever" has been seriously damaged as the result of the Japanese bombardment.

The capture by the Japanese of Akasaka Hill, another eminence in the vicinity of Port Arthur, is announced today.

The announcement is also made that the Russian cruiser Bayou is aground in Port Arthur harbor.

BOMBARDMENT CONTINUES DAILY.

Russian Ships Absolutely Unable to Re-
sist Fire from 203-Metre Hill.

London, Dec. 7.—Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese minister, said today: "Our bombardment continues daily against the ships which are anchored south of Perishan in Port Arthur harbor. They have been struck by at least 134 shells since the occupation of Akasaka Hill by our forces on December sixth. This is due to the fact that the enemy are absolutely unable to resist our fire from 203-Metre Hill."

SEVEN JURORS DRAWN.

Nan Patterson Now Believes in An Early
Acquittal.

New York, Dec. 6.—Within the last half hour before adjournment today, the sixth and seventh jurors for the trial of Nan Patterson on the charge of murdering Caesar Young, took their places in the jury box.

Six of the seven men chosen are well past middle age. Up to the last half hour the work of selecting men to sit at the trial had proceeded slowly, only two jurors being accepted. When the change came and the sixth and seventh places were filled quickly, Miss Patterson showed every sign of satisfaction and assured her father of her confidence in an early acquittal.

MRS. CHADWICK ILL.

Her Financial Troubles Cause Nervous
Prostration.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Chadwick became seriously ill today as the result of a nervous breakdown, and Dr. Moore was summoned in a hurry. After administering to her he made the statement that Mrs. Chadwick is in the worst nervous collapse that a woman could possibly be in and he has grave fears for the outcome if the tension under which she is now laboring is continued. Up to an early hour this afternoon no progress had been made in unravelling the woman's tangled affairs.

District Meeting.

There will be a district meeting of the Encampment, I. O. O. F., of District No. 5, at Montpelier, December 8. The meeting will open at 6:45. All patri-archa are invited.

CONTESTANTS
WITHDRAWFive of the Teams in Six Day
Race Drop Out

REFEREE'S RULING CAUSE

Did Not Like His Decision and Quit
Track—National Associa-
tion Suspends Men In-
definitely.

New York, Dec. 7.—Only twelve teams remain in the big international six-day bicycle race, at Madison Square garden. Between two and three this morning five teams, Waltham—Munroe, McLean—Bowler, the Redell brothers, Butler—Moran, and Mayo—Newkirk, having objected to the ruling of the referee, stopped riding and dropped out of the contest.

The contestants withdrew because of the stealing of a lap by Stol and Vanderstuyft. They charged Stol with unfairly changing places with his partner, and so gaining the lap; they also claimed that during the sprint that immediately followed the discovery of the fact that Stol was a lap ahead they had made up one lap but as there were so many spills in the interim the referee and judges decided not to allow the gains made at this time. Pandemonium reigned in the garden during the discussion between the men and officials.

Early today there was a meeting of the officers of the national cycle association, at which the ten riders were indefinitely suspended.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTIONS.

Thos. Thompson, Granite Cutter, Fails
of Election in New Bedford.

Boston, Dec. 7.—Municipal elections were held in thirteen Massachusetts cities yesterday. Ten of these cities voted for license while three voted no. In New Bedford Mayor Charles S. Ashley was elected for his eleventh term over Thomas Thompson, a granite cutter, by 457 plurality. Mayor E. H. Keith was re-elected mayor of Brockton over Charles H. Coulter, socialist, by 53 votes. The other mayors elected are:

Waltham, John L. Hardy.
Taunton, John H. Eldridge.
Marlboro, Henry Poisson.
Marlboro, Henry Parsons.
Haverhill, Roswell L. Wood.
Lawrence, Cornelius F. Lynch.
Springfield, Frank W. Dickinson.
Northampton, Theobald M. Connor.
Gloucester, George E. McDonald.
Pittsfield, Allen H. Bogg.

The three cities voting "no license" were Brockton, Waltham, and Quincy.

COBB AGAIN NAMED.

Gov. Bell Sends Name Again to the
Senate.

Montpelier, Dec. 7.—Governor Bell has appointed as inspector of finance Luther A. Cobb of Island Pond, the same man that was turned down by the Senate yesterday. For fish and game commissioner Henry G. Thomas of Stowe; for state highway commissioner, Charles W. Gates of Franklin. These appointments have gone before the Senate for confirmation.

Mrs. E. F. Lillis Dead.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Bowler Lillis, wife of James A. Lillis, a prominent Rutland merchant, died this morning aged 47 years, as the result of an operation. She was prominent in Catholic circles.

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH DEBT
WIPED OUT\$5,000 Mortgage Burned in
Presence of a Large
Congregation.JUBILATION EXERCISES
HELD IN THE CHURCH

Addresses by Rev. E. W. Cummings Who Told of the Foundation Work in the Building of the Present Structure, J. S. Milne Who Gave a Short History of the Society, and by Mayor Barclay, Rev. F. A. Poole, and Rev. Dr. Todd—Parish and Friends Make Glad.

The Presbyterians of this city are happy. The reason for this is the fact that at 9:30 last evening the mortgage which has encumbered their church ever since its erection seven years ago was burned in the pulpit of the church before a congregation that filled the auditorium to its limit. The exercises attendant upon this important act were exceedingly interesting.

The program opened shortly after seven with the address of welcome by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell.

After a few words of welcome, Mr. Mitchell said: "Eight years ago I was married to this congregation. My wife was poor, so was I. During eight years we have struggled along together in perfect harmony. We have never quarrelled, but," he added, "tonight for the first time we have a house which we may call our own, and to this house, my friends, I welcome you. We have this day paid off the mortgage on our church." He went on to say that in paying the debt there had been help from several outsiders, notably the mayor and

REV. THOS. H. MITCHELL
Pastor of Presbyterian Church

others prominent in the granite industry. One benefactor, who does not wish his name to be published, even did so much as to give \$25 for every \$75 the church would raise. Before last Christmas this modest gentleman sent the trustees a check for \$600 and Monday he sent another for \$300. At this juncture of Mr. Mitchell's address he asked the audience to extend this man a vote of thanks by clapping their hands. It is needless to say it was done with a will.

"Then," the pastor went on, "there was another assistant, it being the Presbyterian Board of Church Erection of New York, which offered to give \$1500 if the local church would raise \$3500. The necessary amount was raised and yesterday the promised \$1500 was received, making a total of \$5000, the amount of the mortgage."

Mr. Mitchell closed his address with these words: "I thank my noble congregation for all its liberality. I thank all outsiders who have helped us. I pray that we may now dedicate ourselves as well as our church to God, then His blessing will rest upon us more richly than before." A pleasing selection was then given by the choir, after which the pastor called on James S. Milne to read a short history of the church.

Mr. Milne began by declaring that much of the credit for the early progress of the church should be given to the Rev. E. W. Cummings and then thanked him personally, being applauded by the audience; proceeding he said: "During the summer of 1888 the attention of the Rev. Mr. Canfield of South Ryegate was called to the fact that there was a large number of Scotchmen in Barre who were in need of a Presbyterian church."

"Mr. Canfield came here and looked around, and finally started a Presbyterian society with 63 members. He then wrote to the Rev. E. W. Cummings, who was then pastor of a church in New York state, asking him to take charge of the society. Mr. Cummings consented and came to Barre. The society was formally organized on April 1, 1889, and decided to hold its meetings in Thompson Hall. On May 13th, 1889, the site of the present church was purchased for

\$750. On April 1st, 1891, the meeting place was changed to rooms on the second floor of the Worthen Building. At that time, too, the First Presbyterian Church was incorporated.

"June 5th, 1891, the contract for building the foundation of the church was awarded to Ward & Douglass and it was completed the first of August.

"January 3rd, 1890, Mr. Cummings tendered his resignation and at a meeting of the church officers shortly afterward, it was accepted. After a great deal of waiting Mr. Mitchell was finally secured as pastor on the last day of February, 1890. The services were then being held in the old Methodist church on Church street. Shortly after this the contract for building the church was awarded to Norman Melver for \$5,600. The entire cost of the church with furnishings was \$10,750.

"When Mr. Mitchell came here the church had 74 members; it now has about 271."

This ended Mr. Milne's report and then the Rev. F. A. Poole, representing the other churches of the city, heartily congratulated the Presbyterians on their success.

He was followed by the Rev. E. W. Cummings, who told of the early struggles of the congregation.

Mayor Barclay then congratulated the pastor and members of the church and spoke briefly of the ways in which the money was raised. Miss Phillips and Mr. Sheriffs then favored the audience with a duet, and Miss Maggie Brown with a solo.

The final speaker was the Rev. Dr. Todd of Quincy, Mass., who has done so much for the local church. After Dr. Todd's address the most gratifying part of the programme, that of burning the mortgage, was carried out; Alexander Clark lighting the match, in the absence of Mr. Wilson, the oldest member of the church.

After the formal programme the ladies served refreshments in the basement and a social hour was passed. Too much credit cannot be given the congregation for their rapid and faithful work in paying up the debt. Mr. Mitchell is to be congratulated on having such a congregation, but the congregation is certainly most fortunate in having for its pastor the Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell.

VICTORY FOR NEITHER.

C. O. F. and Clan Gordon Cribbage
Teams Played Last Evening.

The cribbage contest last evening between the C. O. F. and Clan Gordon teams resulted in an even split, each team winning at four tables. The result by tables was as follows: Marshall and McLeod, C. G., defeated Brown and Brown, C. O. F.; Ironside and Smith, C. G., defeated Brant and Good, C. O. F.; Mackay and Inglis, C. G., defeated Moore and Murphy, C. O. F.; Tramp and Anderson, C. G., defeated McNulty and Nichols, C. O. F.; White and McNulty, C. O. F., defeated Shaw and Gordon, C. G.; Tierney and Nelson, C. O. F., defeated McLeod and Riddell, C. G.; Kelly and Laviolette, C. O. F., defeated Smart and Scott, C. G.; Leslie and Nelson, C. O. F., defeated Milne and Mackie, C. G.

The Red Men and I. O. O. F. players please take notice that they play this evening instead of Friday evening.

The cribbage league standing:

	P.	W.	L.	Per.
F. of A.	40	23	17	.575
C. G.	40	23	18	.550
R. M.	33	17	15	.531
C. O. F.	40	20	20	.500
M. U.	40	17	23	.425
I. O. O. F.	32	13	19	.406

The second series of games in the cribbage league tournament is as follows:

C. O. F.—C. G., Monday, Dec. 12.	
F. of A.—R. M., Wednesday, Dec. 14.	
I. O. O. F.—M. U., Friday, Dec. 16.	
C. O. F.—I. O. O. F., Monday, Dec. 19.	
M. U.—F. of A., Wednesday, Dec. 21.	
R. M.—C. G., Friday, Dec. 23.	
C. O. F.—R. M., Monday, Jan. 2.	
I. O. O. F.—F. of A., Wed. Jan. 4.	
M. U.—C. G., Friday, Jan. 6.	
C. O. F.—F. of A., Monday, Jan. 9.	
I. O. O. F.—C. G., Wed. Jan. 11.	
M. U.—R. M., Friday, Jan. 13.	
C. O. F.—M. U., Monday, Jan. 16.	
F. of A.—C. G., Wednesday, Jan. 18.	
I. O. O. F.—R. M., Friday, Jan. 20.	

DEATH OF A. N. CRANE.

Prominent Lawyer of St. Louis and a
Native of Wolcott, Vt.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Following closely the death of his bachelor millionaire friend, Richard M. Scroggs, Arba N. Crane, a noted bachelor lawyer, will be cremated tomorrow. Both men gave fortunes to charity for others. Judge Crane was born in Wolcott, Vt., and was a schoolmate of Admiral Dewey. He was admitted to the bar in Montpelier in 1855. The St. Louis law library, to which he devoted 35 years, is draped. His last wish for a re-election to its presidency was fulfilled.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Granite City Camp Elects Officers for
Ensuing Year.

Granite City Camp, No. 8686, M. W. of A., elected officers last evening as follows: Consul, John E. MacDonald; adviser, John Rowley; banker, A. Robertson; clerk, A. J. Loranger; escort, J. B. Casellini; watchman, R. Perusse; sentry, M. J. Liberty; physicians, J. E. McSwaney and M. L. Chandler; manager, A. J. Schneider, three years; manager, K. F. McCarty, one year; camp deputy, A. L. Gravin.

HON. J. A. DEBOER WILL SPEAK.

Men's Sunday Evening Club Will Hold
Social on Friday Evening.

The Men's Sunday Evening club of the Congregational church will give its first social for men in the church vestry Friday evening. Hon. Joseph A. DeBoer, president of the National Life Insurance Co. of Montpelier, will give a talk, relating some personal experiences. All men of the congregation are invited.